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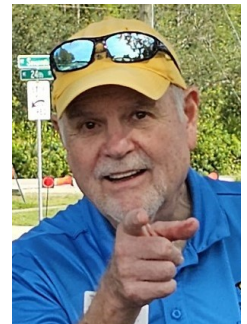
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Upcoming Meetings

The December General Meeting will be on **Saturday, December 21st**. Please see the announcement on page 5 for details.

"Tell me Doctor, where are we going this time? Is this the fifties? Or nineteen ninety-nine?... We gotta get back in time..." – Huey Lewis & The News (1985) – from "Back To The Future"

It's 4:30 AM, Thanksgiving is only two days away, and I am wide awake. Time's a wastin'...this is a perfect time to get in front of the old computer and begin knocking out my final "Prez Sez" for 2024.



Frankly, I find it hard to believe that 11 months have flashed by, and I have arrived at my final month as President of TCVCC/AACA. Starting in January, this will be President Denny Dahle's column to write.

By the way, I notice the temperature this morning is 58 degrees, that's a 10 degree improvement from yesterday's 48 degree reading, but, I digress, please read on.

Seems like only yesterday we had 81 members & guests gathered at the American Icon Brewery in Vero Beach for our January General Meeting...and then, suddenly, we're having the November Annual Meeting & Election of Officers for 2025! It feels as if Doc Brown took me for a spin in that DeLorean of his. But, as Lee Corso would say, "Not so fast, my friend!"

Our club really had a fun year. After the trip to the brewery, we visited the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary, the Geoffrey Smith Gallery, the Elliott Museum's King Tut Exhibit, the Equine Center, the Factory Lightweights Museum, the Gray Motorsports Museum, the Dauer Classic Car Museum, Mounts Botanical Gardens, and the USACE's St. Lucie Dam & Lock System.

And, don't forget the club's tours...the Cracker and Hot August Nights Tours put together by Dave & Amy Brown. These tours are perfect events for getting your classic car out for a few days of touring and sightseeing on Florida's less travelled highways. There was plenty to see and do, and I hope you were along. Do you know someone else in the old car hobby who would enjoy these kinds of outings? Well, invite them along as your guest!

In short, I believe the 2024 Board did an outstanding job of putting together a variety of activities at destinations we could enjoy driving our old cars to, and I'm sure the recently elected 2025 Board will soon be mapping out a great schedule of events for next year.

President's Message, continued...

Today's mail at the Riddle hacienda included a small envelope from Hershey, PA. Inside were our 2025 AACA Membership cards for Ann and myself. If you haven't renewed your TCVCC & AACA memberships, please do so now. Your 2025 TCVCC Membership Renewal Form is found on our TCVCC Website's [Membership Info](#) page, where you can download the [Renewal Form](#) directly, fill it out, attach a check, and mail it to TCVCC's Treasurer, Barb Joyce. Your AACA renewal form was in your September/October issue of *Antique Automobile*. Fill it out and mail it back with your check for \$45 in the provided blue envelope. Or, renew your 2025 AACA membership on-line at the [AACA Website](#). DO NOT send your AACA renewal to TCVCC! Deadline for both renewals is the end of the year.

A big "thank you" to Sally Franklin and Larry Atkins for putting together the November Meeting at Halpatiokee Regional Park. Over 60 members & guests turned out on a beautiful Sunday to enjoy the Chili Cook-off, Oldies Contest, and to select the club's officers for 2025. Don Gilbert's Chili took first place, with Dave Brown's recipe taking second, while Ron Ingles walked off with the Oldies Contest trophy! Results of the election and photos of the November Meeting can be found elsewhere in *Vintage Times* and on our website's [Home Page](#).

Remember the Fort Pierce Christmas Parade is coming up on Sunday, December 8th. This year's theme is "Color Me Christmas" playing on the influence of Crayola Crayons. If you'd like to participate, with your decorated car, contact Dave & Amy Brown now at 772-595-2566 or brown7373@bellsouth.net.

Up next is our final General Meeting of 2024, the December Christmas Party! Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 21st. Barb & Ed Joyce have put together a great event to wrap up our year. You'll find full information on our December Christmas Party & General Meeting elsewhere in this edition of *Vintage Times* and on the TCVCC website's [Club Activities](#) page.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas, and a blessed and happy New Year, and thanks for trusting me at the club's helm this past year. In the meantime, let's keep 'em on the road!

Bob Riddle

Secretary's Report

Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club General Membership Meeting, November 24, 2024

The November general meeting was hosted by Sally Franklin and was held at the Halpatiokee Park in Stuart. For this meeting Sally organized a full-on CHILI COOK-OFF with 8 members providing their best recipes.

Prior to our meeting members tasted each selection and in the final results it was decided that Don Gilbert won the trophy for best Chili.

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Ridle at 11:50 AM with 66 members attending.

Guests attending were Bob and Ann Ridle's Grandson Collin Ridle and his girlfriend Hannah Sides. First time members attending were Ray and Cristi Hernandez.

Secretary's Report: Jo Ann Smith asked for a motion to accept the October minutes as published corrected. Mary Ann Arnone made the motion and Curt Francisco seconded it and it was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Barb Joyce reported that our funds are on the high side right now due to money coming in from our COOL Car Show.

Membership: Ann Ridle reported we have 107 members (194 people) Of these 54 have already renewed for 2025.

Newsletter: Sally Franklin will have the newsletter out by the first week in December.

Website: Bob Ridle has the website up to date. TCVCC 2025 membership renewal forms are there. You can find information about the December Christmas party on the website also.

Special Events: Denny Dahle reported that he, Sally Franklin, Bob Ridle and Andre Rayman presented a \$1,000.00 check to the Road to Victory Military Museum that will help with the repairs on their building from the hurricane.

The Ft. Pierce Christmas Parade will be Dec. 8th. TCVCC members are welcome to participate. Call Dave Brown for more info. Theme is Coloring Christmas. (think Crayons etc.) Parade starts at 2 PM in downtown Ft. Pierce.

Denny also reported that Russ Caterinicchio won an award at the Martin County High School "Show Off" car show as one in the top 20 group.

Jay had no Legislative report at this time.

Sunshine Report: Marie Flaherty sent a Sympathy card to the family of Tom Muscato followed by a note asking them to furnish us with a favorite charity of their choosing that we could send a donation to in Toms memory. No reply as of now.

Sgt. At Arms: John Delisa had no report

Tours: Dave and Amy Brown will plan a Cracker Tour sometime in April, but not Easter.

Cool Car Show: Pres. Bob Ridle thanked Fill and Nancy Ferrauto and Dave and Amy Brown for helping with all the prize drawings at the show. They were a big help. It was noted Mary Ann Arnone won the 50/50 drawing.

There was No Old Business.



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Secretary's Report, continued

Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club General Membership Meeting, November 24, 2024

New Business: Election of TCVCC officers and Board for 2025. They are as follows: Pres. Denny Dahle; 1st V P res. Andre Rayman; 2nd, V. Pres. Sandee Searle; Treas. Barb Joyce; Secretary, Ann Ridle; Sgt. At Arms, John Delisa; Chairman of the Board, Bob Ridle; 2 year Board; Mary Ann Arnone. Mike Franze, Jo Ann Smith. 1Yr, Remaining Board; Curt Francisco, Dick Hoffman, and Frank LoVerso. Ed Joyce, chairman of the nominating committee asked for a motion to accept these as presented.

Dave Brown made the motion, (there was no discussion), Vinny Cashin seconded the motion and they were approved.

Upcoming Meeting: Barb and Ed Joyce will be hosting the December 21st Christmas General Meeting. Place: Vince Bocchino Community Center, Langford Park, Jensen Beach. You will be asked to share a dish. We are asked to bring a non Toy donation. All information will be in the newsletter. RSVP will be important for this dinner.

There being no further business before the general membership, Sally Franklin & Larry Atkins were thanked for the fun filled afternoon gathering.

A motion was made to adjourn by Larry Atkins, seconded by Sandee Searle, approved, and we did at 12:18 PM

To end the day, Pres. Bob Ridle MC'd his Music Trivia contest. Ron Ingles guessed 23 of the 30 Artists correctly, winning the prize.

Respectfully Submitted, Jo Ann Smith, Secretary

Congratulations to the 2025 TCVCC Board of Directors:

Chairman of the board: Bob Ridle

President: Denny Dahle

First Vice president: Andre Rayman

Second Vice President (membership): Sandee Searle

Secretary: Ann Ridle

Treasurer: Barb Joyce

Sgt At Arms: John Delisa

Directors: (1 year remaining)

Frank Loverso

Curt Franciso

Dick Hoffmann

Directors: (proposed for 2 years)

Joann Smith

Mary Anne Arnone

Mike Franze

General Meeting Notice

TCVCC December Christmas Pot Luck General Meeting
SATURDAY, December 21, 2024 at **12:00 PM**
Langford Park - Vince Bocchino Community Center
2369 NE Dixie Hwy
Jensen Beach, FL 34957

The club is paying for the following:

- Rental cost
- All paper products and utensils
- Ham, turkey, cranberry sauce and gravy
- Rolls & butter
- Dessert
- Ice tea, Lemonade, water & ice

No cost to all TCVCC members. Guest - \$2.50 p/p

Please bring a cover=- dish to share. If your last name starts with....

- **A-J** - Salad / Vegetable (i.e. tossed salad, broccoli salad, fruit salad, cole slaw or whatever you like to share)
- **K-Z** - Starch (i.e. potatoes, mac & cheese, pasta, rice or whatever you like to share)

RSVP – by Monday, December 16th to Barbara Joyce-772-418-0273 or Joyce3063@aol.com

Since this is our Christmas Meeting, let's get in the spirit and be festive, wear something Christmassy and get your picture taken by our clubs' professional photographer!

TCVCC is once again supporting the Hibiscus Children's Center

Hibiscus Children's Center has been rescuing and saving the lives of children since 1985. They have provided over 450,000 safe nights of care to abused children and teens and have helped hundreds of families in crisis. Hibiscus Children's Center is fighting against abuse and protecting and strengthening the lives of children and families. The shelter houses children from Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee counties and occasionally will house from other counties as the need arises.

Please help this wonderful cause by donating any of the following at the meeting.

A separate table will be available to put your donations on. Here are some items that are needed.

- **Gift cards to: Movie theaters, Bowling Alleys, Dave and Buster, McDonalds, Walmart, Target or any other appropriate activities.**
- **Any type of clothing for children from infants to 12-year-olds.**
- **Bodywash, shampoo, deodorant, AA batteries, small flashlights, sunscreen.**

Or if you prefer to just write out a check to the "Hibiscus Children's Center" and give it to our dedicated club members, Molly & Dick Hoffman, who volunteer at the Hibiscus Children's Center, which will be collecting these items.



Upcoming National Events

AACA National & Regional Events

February 6–8, 2025 – 2025 Annual Convention, Charlotte, NC. The 2025 AACA Annual Convention will be held February 6-8 in the Charlotte/Concord, NC, area at the Embassy Suites by Hilton.

We are working hard to iron out all of the details and food pricing with the hotel so we can open registration soon, so stay tuned.

March 21-22, 2025—55th Annual AACA Sugarloaf Mountain Region Parts Meet
Location: 706 Agriculture Drive, Westminster, Maryland 21157 March 21 and 22, 2025, Westminster. 55th Annual Indoor / Outdoor Parts Meet (3/21) 8am to 4pm and (3/22) 8am to 2pm.

April 3-5, 2025—Southeastern Spring Nationals – Charlotte, NC

May 1-3, 2025—Western Spring Nationals/Special Grand Nationals, aka, Dual in the Desert III, Tucson, AZ

The Tucson Region welcomes you to the 2025 Western Fall Nationals in Tucson, AZ. Nestled amidst the rolling hills of the Sonoran Desert, Tucson boasts a vibrant blend of Southwestern charm, rich history, and breathtaking natural beauty! Known as the “Old Pueblo,” Tucson offers visitors a multitude of fascinating attractions to explore during your visit.

For more listings and information, click [HERE](#) to visit the AACA website.



Sunshine & Happenings

SUNSHINE REPORT

A sympathy card was sent to the family of Tom Muscato this month. Please pass on information to Marie Flaherty: email: mariec21@earthlinknet, phone 772-631-9065. Let me know so we can shine some Sunshine for our club members.

Please Contact Dave Brown if you are interested in joining the Ft. Pierce Christmas Parade.

Sunday, December 8, 2024, Fort Pierce will have it's Annual Christmas Parade.

You can participate with your decorated antique car. Meet at 2:00 at the River Walk center at 600 N.. Indian River Drive.

Dave will pick up our entry information and we will drive into our designated starting spot as a group. Please be on time. You **MUST NOT** arrive early and pick up our registration. Please wait for the rest of us to arrive.

This year's theme is **COLOR ME CHRISTMAS**, playing on the influence of Crayola Crayons. Crayola was a product of Binney-Smith, with the Binney family long time residents of Fort Pierce.

Decorate your car with the Color Me Christmas and the Crayola theme.

Please RSVP to Dave & Amy Brown at brown7373@bellsouth.net or 772-595-2566.

2024 TCVCC OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT
Bob Ridle

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Denny Dahle
SECOND VP / MEMBERSHIP
Ann Ridle

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Barbara Joyce

SGT. AT ARMS
John DeLisa

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Sally Franklin

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Frank Lo Verso (2 yrs.)
Dick Hoffman (2 yrs.)
Scott Bean (1 yr.)
Lou Lambert (1 yr.)
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To keep up with our goings-on, please check out our website by scanning this QR code below. Or visit [Treasure Coast Region AACA – Internet Home of the Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club](#).



Upcoming Local Events

LOCAL EVENTS (Courtesy of Jim Serra)

EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2024 ONLY

- Saturday Dec 7th, Wheels and Motors Car Show at Keiser University 9400 SW Discovery Way Port St. Lucie, FL 34987, 8 am to 2 pm (rain or shine), \$25 pre-registration or \$30 day of show. LFitzpatrick@keiseruniversity.edu 772-342-5551
- Sunday Dec 8th, Jump Start Car Show presented by the St Lucie County sheriffs Police Athletic League, 9 am to 3 pm at The St Lucie County Fairgrounds, 15601 Midway Rd Ft Pierce, Fl. \$20 entry fee, Bill Minogue 772-342-3980, billminogue1@aol.com, trophies, music by Carlos & Friends. Please bring an unwrapped toy for the annual toy drive.
- Sunday Dec 8th, - B&A Flea Market show hosted by Lew and His Crew. Enter via US 1 and Luckhardt St. 10 am to 1 pm FREE event but you MUST REGISTER to secure a spot. FREE hot dog lunch for car owners/raffles/prizes. 772-288-4915

EVENTS THAT REPEAT MONTHLY

- Sun 12/1, Recovery Room Sports Grill Cruise In. Repeats on the first Sunday of the month 4 to 8 pm, 10350 sw Don R Led Duke Dr Port St Lucie. 772-345-8490. Hosted by Riverland Car Club.
- Sat 12/7, McKees 37 monthly Cars & Coffee 8 am 7744 Jack James Dr Stuart. FREE event and \$3 buys coffee/donuts. Tech session by Nick Rutter as well as product discounts. (Repeats 1st Saturday of the month). Rain or Shine event.
- Sat 12/14, Monthly Cars & Coffee at The Elliott Museum 8 am 825 NE Ocean Blvd Stuart. Free event - \$3 buys coffee/donuts/ice water - now featuring Jupiter Donuts. Sponsored by McKees 37. (Repeats on the 2nd Saturday of the month).
- Sun 12/8 and Sun 12/22, Valencia Cay Cars & Coffee 662 se Becker Rd, 8 am. Free event - Dunkin Donuts and Publix are in the plaza. (2nd and 4th Sunday of the month).
- Mon 12/16, 5 PM – 8PM T/A Truck Stop Car & Truck Show I-95 & State RD 60 (repeats on the 3rd Monday of the month) Carlos 772-528-4247

EVENTS THAT REPEAT WEEKLY

- Tuesdays, Weekly Tuesday Night Car Show at Lowes, 5 pm - 7:30 pm, 3620 SE Federal Hwy, Stuart, FL 34997. \$3 to display a car (small bills please), Free for spectators - repeats weekly Lew 772-708-3790 (Lew has also set up a Facebook page called Lew's Crew Car Show - check it out).
- Wednesdays, Weekly cruise in at Dairy Queen 9019 US Hwy 1 Port St Lucie at 3 pm (start time was moved up when daylight savings time ended) - FREE event and a dining discount for cruisers. Butch White 772-618-3794.
- Weds Nights - Weekly informal gathering of car enthusiasts at the Tiki Hut located at the Elliott Museum at 5 pm. FREE event, dining discounts for cruisers.
- Friday nights, Cruise in at Culvers in Jensen Beach 4 pm, located at 4151 NW Federal Hwy Jensen Beach 34957. 954-650-4356 (Brian), dining discounts.

More Upcoming Events

Sat 12/7, McKees 37 monthly Cars & Coffee 8 am 7744 Jack James Dr Stuart. Toy Drive and Canned Goods collection. FREE event and \$3 buys coffee/donuts. Tech session by Nick Rutter as well as product discounts. (Repeats 1st Saturday of the month). Rain or Shine event.

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More Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for the new Spring Forward to Victory Car Show on March 9th. This show is not a replacement for the annual COOL show, but is a “light” version of that show designed to encourage folks to bring out their rides and get to know us and our club. The Spring Forward to Victory show is being organized and hosted by members of our club and the Road to Victory Military Museum. Food and entertainment will be furnished by the Museum staff while our members handle the registration, parking, judging and trophies. Day of show registration only, no classes, and judging is on a less formal level. Only 20 trophies will be awarded, and dash plaques to the first 75 cars. The idea is to have a less stress, lower cost show to let everyone enjoy themselves, visit with friends, maybe make some new friends, and maybe win a prize.

As usual, we are looking for volunteers to help with the show. We will need a few people for setup, registration, parking, judging and take down. As this show is less structured than the COOL show, we anticipate a little easier day for our volunteers so that they can enjoy the show as well.

We will have our first show planning meeting on Thursday December 12, 2024 at 6pm sharp at the Rayman’s home. Address: 8744 SE Fairwinds Way, Hobe Sound, Fl 33455 Light snacks and drinks. (Wear your Christmas sweater) Please RSVP so we can plan accordingly. Email: arayman@aol.com or text 561-818-6212
If you wish to help on the day of show, but your December calendar is too busy to attend this meeting, please let me know.

Spring Forward To Victory Car Show

Presented by Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club
Benefitting the Road to Victory Military Museum



Sunday, March 9th, 2025
10 AM – 2 PM



301 SE Stypmann Blvd, Stuart
Behind the Courthouse, Under the Water Tower

Join us in the shady parking lot at the Road To Victory Military Museum for a relaxed atmosphere judged car show. The Museum will be open for your viewing pleasure.

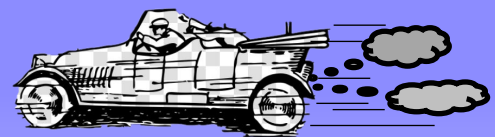
All years, makes and models are welcome: new, old, modified, stock, rat rods, military vehicles... drive em, drag em, push em.

There is no preregistration necessary, pay upon arrival, \$20 per car, cash only.



Self parking so you can park with your friends or with your club or all by yourself. Music and food provided by the Museum, cash only. Dash plaques to the first 75 cars registered, and 20 trophies will be awarded.

Don't forget to set your clocks forward or you will be driving to the



For more information, contact: Andre Rayman at 561-818-6212 or email to arayman@aol.com.

Member Stories

The 78th Revival AAA Glidden Tour September 22-27, 2024 Liberty Mountain Resort, Fairfield, Pennsylvania

By: John Giltinan

I remember as a little boy in the 1960's studying my dad's AACA magazines and reading about the Glidden Tour. I was amazed that people were driving horseless carriages and brass era cars on this tour and thought it would be a wonderful adventure to participate in the tour, "someday".

Charles Jasper Glidden was born in 1857 in Lowell, Massachusetts. At an early age, he began working for the Atlantic-Pacific Telegraph Company and helped the company transition from telegraph to telephone service. Glidden then established a syndicate to sell telephone exchanges. In 1900, this enterprise was purchased by Bell Telephone, making Glidden a very wealthy man.

An early advocate of the automobile, in 1901 Glidden and his wife journeyed to the Arctic Circle in a British Napier. By 1908 he had traveled through 39 countries by car. In 1904 Glidden participated in the AAA (American Automobile Association) reliability tour from New York to St. Louis. He wanted to see the event repeated annually and donated an elaborate trophy to the AAA to be awarded on future tours. Accordingly, the tours held between 1905 and 1913 were known as the Glidden Reliability Tours.

In 1946 the Firestone Tire Co. agreed to resume production of tires for antique cars, making it possible for collectors to drive many of these cars for the first time in decades. A group of antique car enthusiasts organized the first Glidden Revival Tour held the same year. The tour has been run every year since under the alternating sponsorship of the AACA and the VMCCA (the Veteran Motor Car Club of America). In 2002, AAA became a joint sponsor of the event.

For background information, my dad was always interested in antique cars and was very knowledgeable about pre-war Packard's. During the 1960's he owned a very original 1935 Ford V-8 cabriolet, it was used in the summer as a weekend car.

Dad worked extremely hard during those years as the sales manager for our family business, a major appliance wholesale distributorship. In addition, there were four children in our family, so dad really did not have the time or the resources to participate in car shows or road tours. Those things did not stop me from dreaming about collecting and touring with vintage cars, "someday".

In 1984 my (then) wife Margaret and I moved to Cleveland, Ohio to help her father following the sudden death of my mother-in-law. The 2 antique cars that dad and I owned at the time followed me to Cleveland: a 1935 Packard Standard Eight and a 1949 Cadillac Series 62 which I still own. I soon became involved with the Northern Ohio chapters of the AACA and the CCCA (the Classic Car Club of America). While in Cleveland I met many knowledgeable people who helped me grow into the hobby.

After moving to the Stuart, FL area in 2010, Don Gilbert and I were hired as the co-Curators for the antique vehicle collection at the Elliott Museum. Our duties included participation in many car shows, and we even started judging at shows and Concours events. During this time, our personal collection grew to include several good tour cars. We began to participate in the TCVCC tours, as well as joining tours hosted by the Packard Club and the Franklin Club. Retirement at the end of 2020 made it possible to seriously consider participating in major tours such as the Glidden.

Our Franklin Club friends, Dan and Anne Russell were part of the organizing committee for this year's Glidden, so we decided that we had to go. We contacted TCVCC members David MacMillian and Janet Gibb who live near Mt. Dora, to see if they wanted to take one of their old cars on the tour.

Member Stories

Glidden Tour continued...

Eligibility for the Glidden Tour is restricted to cars made before WWII (1942 and older). David owns three Franklin's, and originally planned to use his 1931 Franklin convertible for the tour. I registered my 1937 Buick Roadmaster convertible sedan. David knew an independent car transporter from Miami who agreed to take both my car as well as David's car in his rig.

As luck would have it, none of David's Franklins would be ready for the trip, so he substituted his reliable 1929 Ford Model A "Tudor" coach, the "Blue Blaster". Everything was on track with my Buick "Ms. Ethyl", until the generator and voltage regulator failed at the last minute, and I had to substitute my 1930 Franklin sedan.

Our transporter, Eric Diaz picked up the cars on the evening of Thursday September 19th. As soon as the car was on the trailer, we started driving north. David and Janet flew to Hagerstown, Maryland the next day. We arrived at the host hotel on Saturday September 21st, checked in to the hotel and met Eric who arrived right on time with the cars.

The Tour itinerary included a 65-mile countryside tour on Sunday. We took the Franklin and headed out on some very hilly, winding, narrow roads. I have owned the Franklin for several years, but I had never driven it outside of Florida. The car has a very non-forgiving, non-synchromesh 4-speed Detroit transmission. Downshifting and upshifting on the fly in those hills was challenging, but I managed it with minimal gear grinding. The countryside was beautiful, and we had an enjoyable time visiting a winery and a historic Pennsylvania round barn. When we got back to home base, we filled the tank and calculated the car's fuel mileage; 8.2 mpg!



The Glidden Tour is organized as a "hub" tour, much like TCVCC's Cracker Tour. All tour activities revolve around the host hotel with daily tours departing from and returning to that location. There were 112 cars and about 250 people registered for the tour. Surprising to me, there were several cars from the 1910 era touring daily. The most popular age bracket was comprised of cars from the mid to late 1930's.



Tour Chair, Rob Burchill did a wonderful job assembling the tour routes as well as the route/map book, which we found easy to follow. We supplemented the tour book with a portable Garmin GPS unit.

Daily tour routes covered anywhere from about 60 to 130 miles. AAA provided flatbed trucks to bring in broken down vehicles, and there were several of those. There were no Driver's Meetings, nor were there set starting times, so it took us a day or so to get our bearings and understand how things worked. Participants simply left the hotel whenever they wanted and followed the driving directions for that day.

There were organized coffee breaks and lunch stops. The food was amazing, especially the Maryland crab feast where we received souvenir crab mallets!



Member Stories

Glidden Tour continued...

We were assigned daily report cards to complete and turn in at the end of the day. Information requested included daily starting time, time of arrival for the coffee break, time of departure from the coffee break, mid-day destination departure time, evening arrival time, total AM touring time in minutes, total PM touring time in minutes, and total elapsed touring time in minutes. Honestly, we did not bother completing these things.

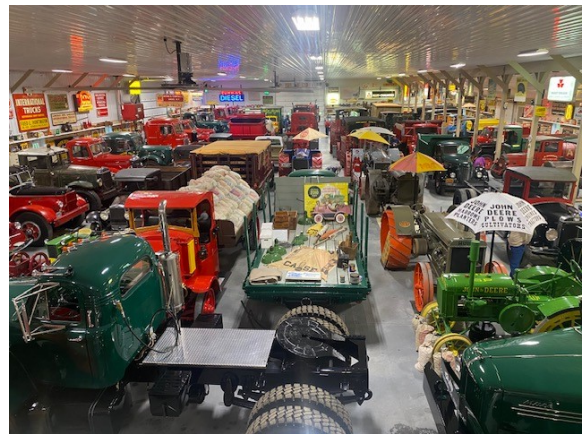


I am glad that we made the effort to participate in this tour. Would I do it again? *Maybe*, BUT the logistics of getting the cars, as well as us to Pennsylvania and back were complex and expensive. Hurricane Helene hit Florida and North Carolina during the tour, further complicating everything. The weather in Pennsylvania was just horrible the entire time, with constant rain and fog making driving difficult.



The tour began on Sunday and concluded the following Friday for a total of six driving days. Total tour mileage was around 475 miles. Notable destinations included: The Historic Round Barn and Farmers Market, Cashtown, PA, the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing, York Springs, PA, numerous covered bridges and apple orchards, the Gettysburg

National Military Park and Museum, and the WWII American Experience Museum, both in Gettysburg, PA, the Washington County Education and Agriculture Museum, Boonsboro, MD, the Antietam National Battlefield, Antietam, MD, and a tour of historic Frederick, Maryland including the cemetery where Francis Scott Key is buried.



Many of the old cars, including mine, suffered interior damage due to leaking roof seals. This was unfortunate and discouraging but nobody could do anything about it. I will consider another national tour if one becomes available closer to home. I doubt that I will ship a car halfway across the country again. The organizers of the tour did an exceptionally fine job putting the events together and I want to congratulate them for a job well done!



Member Stories

November General Meeting

The morning started out very chilly but by the time we started setting up for our meeting it had warmed up pretty nicely. People started showing up after 10 to help with the set up and we got everything ready by the time the rest of the group arrived around 11. Thanks to everyone for all the help making this such a huge success.



We had 8 huge pots of chili to judge. Here they are all lined up behind Barbara Joyce. I think most people were done with chili after tasting all of them.



Don Gilbert with his 1st place trophy for his delicious chili.



Dave Brown with his 2nd place trophy for his equally tasty chili.



I was worried that we would not have enough food for the over 60 people that showed up, but as you can see, we had plenty!

Ron Ingles won 1st place in the Music Trivia contest.




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